



## CECILIA HEFFER

### Wamberal

2013 | *Wangaratta Contemporary Textile Award, Victoria*

*Wamberal* is a lace installation that is part of an ongoing practice led enquiry into alternative ways to create contemporary lace. It was selected as a finalist in the Wangaratta Contemporary Textiles Awards, an exhibition that has increasingly gained recognition for its national survey of the field.

This research explores unique production techniques and textile innovations through digital print technologies, machine stitching and soluble substrates and aims to provide a platform to explore cultural narrative in the field of Australian contemporary textiles. The lace is designed from an active experience and documentation of the landscape of the NSW north coast. It draws on an Australian preoccupation with our relationship to geography and memory of place. Through a digital print process lace, coral specific to the NSW coast has been designed as lace pattern. Through a process of abstraction a unique aesthetic and texture has been created that departs from traditional floral motifs associated with lace. It pays homage to the tradition of abstract painting in Australia and is a departure from the high decorative style associated with traditional lace design.

The significance of this research is its technical innovation. It combines hand and digital technologies as a means to refine alternative lace production. The work was selected as a finalist in the Wangaratta Contemporary Textile Award through a peer review process. It was also selected as part of the *One Night Stand* series of exhibitions at the Damien Minton Gallery, Chippendale.

*Image detail*













Installation views

# WANGARATTA CONTEMPORARY TEXTILE AWARD 2013

1 June - 14 July

Opening & Award Announcement  
Saturday 1 June, 11.00am  
@ Wangaratta Art Gallery

Official welcome by Rural City of Wangaratta Mayor Councillor Rozi Parisotto  
Guest Speaker: Award Judge - Kelly Gellatly, Director Ian Potter Museum of Art, The University of Melbourne

RSVP: Thursday 30 May, 03 5722 0761



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Supporting evidence

Exhibition invitation

Weblinks:

<http://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au/recreation-leisure/art-gallery/exhibitions/20131232288109.asp>

<https://www.ravencontemporary.com.au/review-one-night-stand-damien-minton-gallery/>